

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1, 2, 11-12 and 17 are allowed and claims 6-7 would be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has corrected the redundant word in claim 1 as instructed by the Examiner. Also, Applicant has rewritten claims 6-7 in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. The rejected claims have been canceled, without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the allowed and allowable claims as instructed by Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance for the present application be issued at the earliest opportunity. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter regarding the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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